GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Drug Trafficking
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of drug trafficking reported, quantum of narcotic drugs confiscated and destroyed along with the ports/areas through which drug trafficking is being carried out during each of the last three years and the current year, location and State-wise;

(b) whether the said trafficking and drug abuse has led to an increase in crime rate amongst youth in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the said period; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to counter the frug menace amongst youth along with the steps taken to check drug trafficking within the country and also from across the border?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): The number of cases of drug trafficking during each of the last three years and the current year, state-wise is mentioned in Annexure-A.
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Quantum of narcotic drugs confiscated during each of the last three years and the current year, state-wise is mentioned in Annexure-B.
Number of confiscated drugs disposed during each of the last three years and the current year, state-wise is mentioned in Annexure-C.
Number of cases of drug trafficking through ports is mentioned in Annexure-D during each of the last three years and the current year.
Narcotics Control Bureau does not maintain location-wise/area-wise data of drug seizures.
(b) & (c): Crimes other than drug trafficking and abuse of drugs are not covered by the NDPS Act thus do not fall under purview of Narcotics Control Bureau. Hence such data is not maintained.
(d): The measures taken by Narcotics Control Bureau to counter the drug menace amongst youth with the steps taken to check drug trafficking within the country and also from across the border:
1. Supply Reduction Measures:

(a) Coordination and sharing of intelligence with various law enforcement agencies of Centre like Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Central Excise and Customs and of state agencies like Police and State Excise.

(b) Training programmes are being regularly conducted for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combat drug menace.
(c) Sharing of real time information and coordination operation with Nodal agencies of neighbouring countries.

(d) Border Security Force, Sashastra Seema Bal and Coast Guards have been empowered under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act for making interdiction of narcotic drugs.
(e) Financial assistance is being provided to eligible States/UTs for strengthening their anti-narcotics units.

(f) Monetary rewards for information leading to seizures of Narcotic drugs/destruction of illicit crops to informers and officers are being provided.
(g) Prepare and execute action plan for destruction of illicit poppy and cannabis cultivation in coordination with State agencies. NCB also provides satellite images of areas under illegal cultivation of cannabis and poppy to state agencies through the Zonal offices of NCB to State Agencies for effective destruction.
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2. Demand Reduction Measures:

i) Visit of NCB representative to Schools for conducting Awareness programmes: Organizing/conducting awareness programmes in Schools/colleges in different parts of India making the vulnerable classes of society aware of the abuse of narcotic drugs and its ill effects.
ii) Display Boards in Pubs and Bars and Airports have been installed/are being installed to spread awareness about the punishment provided in law for drug trafficking and its abuse.
iii) Display Boards in School Buses: To spread awareness among the children about the abuse of drugs.
iv) Display Boards in Delhi Metro.
v) Drug Awareness Programme: Power Point Presentation compiling information on drug abuse and its health and economic costs useful for teachers, students and parents sent to all District Magistrates/Collectors of the Country to conduct awareness programmes in the schools/colleges falling in their jurisdiction.
vii) Drug Awareness Display on NCB Facebook Page: To inform the public about the ill effects of drug abuse and drug trafficking.
viii) Celebration of 26th June every year as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: NCB organizes International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th June every year in all field units of NCB to spread awareness among the general public about the ill effects of drug abuse and drug trafficking.
ix) Rallies, and Dramas are conducted regularly in association with NGOs to spread awareness programmes all over the country.
x) SMS alerts of Drug Awareness are flashed through mobile service providers on special occasions.
xi) Organization of Workshops and Seminars in coordination with various Govt. agencies and NGOs in the country about ill effects of drug abuse and trafficking.
3. Narcotics Control Bureau assess and analyse existing and emerging challenges, trends and operational capabilities to make appropriate interventions and advise the Central Government.

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4. International coordination Measures:

(a) India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on drug related matter with 10 countries and Bilateral Agreements with 24 countries.

(b) DG level talks are held regularly with Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Afghanistan.
(c) Ministerial, Secretary level talks are held with neighbouring countries.